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Some areas in the province received rainfall last week, which helped address topsoil moisture conditions; however, significant rain is still needed in many areas to help crops, hay and pasture develop, according to the weekly Saskatchewan Agriculture Crop Report.

One year ago

Seeding was wrapping up. The majority of crops were behind their normal stages of development for that time of year. Heavy rain was received in many areas.

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Topsoil moisture conditions remain dry despite the recent rain. Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated two as per cent surplus, 46 per cent adequate, 38 per cent short and 14 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 33 per cent adequate, 42 per cent short and 24 per cent very short. Much of the hay is in poor condition and there are concerns about feed shortages.

The Ministry of Agriculture has a Forage, Feed and Custom Service listing for producers to advertise and source feed products. It is available at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/FeedForageListing#bmk.

Crop development is delayed in many areas due to cool and dry weather. Early seeded crops in drier areas are beginning to bolt and/or flower but remain short and thin. Sixty-nine per cent of fall cereals, 58 per cent of spring cereals, 51 per cent of oilseeds and 57 per cent of pulse crops are at their normal stages of development for this time of year.

Crop damage this week was mainly caused by lack of moisture, hail, grasshoppers and flea beetles.

Farmers are busy controlling pests, hauling grain and beginning to cut hay.

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Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation - June 2015

Crop Insurance customers should note the following important dates:

The deadline to seed greenfeed crops covered by forage insurance is June 30, with all establishment and gopher damage claims on greenfeed to be submitted by this date.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

The region received varying amounts of rain, ranging from trace amounts to 52 mm. Areas that received the rain have seen a boost in crop development. Other areas are reporting stressed crops and hay, and are looking forward to a good rain. The Grenfell area received 52 mm of rainfall while the Frobisher area has received 140 mm of rainfall since April 1, the greatest amount for both the region and the province.

SE SK Crop Development - June 22

	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	17.6	65.2	17.2
Spring Cereals	12.0	55.6	32.4
Oilseeds	11.7	52.8	35.5
Pulse Crops	14.1	54.3	31.6

Topsoil moisture conditions continue to deteriorate despite the recent rain. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as three per cent surplus, 54 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 52 per cent adequate, 32 per cent short and 12 per cent very short. Crop District 3ASE is reporting that 48 per cent of cropland and 55 per cent of hay land and pasture are very short of topsoil moisture at this time. Feed shortages are a concern in the region.

Crop development has been delayed in much of the region and many fields have varying crop stages due to uneven emergence. Thirty-three per cent of seeded acres, 38 per cent of forages and 41 per cent of pasture acres are reported as being under moisture stress. Most crop damage this week was caused by lack of moisture, hail and wind. Producers continue to spray weeds as weather and crop development allow.

Farmers are busy controlling pests and starting to cut hay in some areas.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current , Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

Thunderstorms were reported in the area but very little rain—no more than 31 mm—fell. A good rain is needed to help crops, hay and pasture develop. The Eastend area reported 31 mm of rainfall this past week and leads the region in accumulated precipitation (109 mm) since April 1.

SW SK Crop Development - June 22

	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	27.3	72.5	0.2
Spring Cereals	7.3	57.0	35.7
Oilseeds	5.7	53.9	40.4
Pulse Crops	7.4	57.1	35.5

Despite the rain, topsoil moisture conditions remain dry. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 21 per cent adequate, 61 per cent short and 18 per cent very short, while hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 12 per cent adequate, 44 per cent short and 44 per cent very

short. Crop districts 3ASW and 3BN are reporting that 33 per cent and 27 per cent, respectively, of cropland acres are very short of topsoil moisture. Crop District 4B is reporting that 73 per cent of hay land and pasture is very short of topsoil moisture.

Crop development is delayed for much of the region. Sixty-five per cent of seeded acres, 87 per cent of forages and 85 per cent of pasture acres are reported as being under moisture stress. Most crop damage this week was due to lack of moisture, hail, wind and grasshoppers. There are reports of some crops (peas and canola) already going into flower due to moisture stress. Livestock producers are worried about a possible shortage of hay.

Farmers are busy controlling pests and starting to hay in areas with adequate plant growth.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

The region received varying amounts of rain this past week, ranging from trace amounts to 50 mm (Saltcoats), which has helped replenish soil moisture in many areas. However, more rain will be needed soon to help crops, hay and pasture develop. The Bradwell area leads the region in accumulated precipitation (115 mm) received since April 1.

EC SK Crop Development - June 22

	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	6.7	77.3	16.0
Spring Cereals	4.4	58.5	37.1
Oilseeds	3.3	46.4	50.3
Pulse Crops	1.7	64.5	33.8

The recent rain helped slow down soil moisture deterioration. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as four per cent surplus, 59 per cent adequate, 30 per cent short and seven per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 47 per cent adequate, 43 per cent short and nine per cent very short.

Reports indicate that crops are progressing well, with the exception of canola in some areas where germination was spotty. Forty per cent of seeded acres, 52 per cent of forages and 53 per cent of pasture acres are reported as being under moisture stress. The majority of crop damage this week was caused by lack of moisture, flea beetles and hail. Producers are busy controlling pests, hauling grain and getting haying equipment ready.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Scattered showers brought much-needed moisture to many areas in the region last week; however, topsoil remains very dry and additional rainfall is needed soon to help crops advance. Marengo received the greatest amount of rainfall for the region (52 mm), while Outlook received 28 mm to stay as the area with the most accumulated precipitation (110 mm) since April 1. There were reports of strong winds and hail during the week.

WC SK Crop Development - June 22

	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	0.0	66.9	33.1
Spring Cereals	0.4	43.3	56.3
Oilseeds	0.0	38.1	61.9
Pulse Crops	0.9	52.7	46.4

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 27 per cent adequate, 41 per cent short and 32 per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay land and pasture are rated as 17 per cent adequate, 49 per cent short and 34 per cent very short. Crop District 7A is the driest CD in the province, with 61 per cent of cropland acres and 82 per cent of hay land and pasture being very short of topsoil moisture. Crop District 7B is reporting that 79 per cent of cropland and 90 percent of hay land and pasture are short to very short of topsoil moisture.

Crop development is delayed for much of the region and many fields have varying crop stages due to uneven emergence. Sixty-seven per cent of seeded acres, 81 per cent of forage and 84 per cent of pasture acres are reported as being under moisture stress. The majority of crop damage was caused by lack of moisture. Producers are busy spraying for pests and hauling grain.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

The region received varying amounts of rain this past week, ranging from trace amounts to 28 mm (Star City). The Kinistino area received 20 mm of rainfall this past week, bringing the total it has received since April 1 to 137 mm—the highest in the region.

NE SK Crop Development - June 22

	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	3.0	62.3	34.7
Spring Cereals	6.3	75.8	17.9
Oilseeds	2.8	71.4	25.8
Pulse Crops	4.9	86.2	8.9

Topsoil moisture remains similar to the previous week. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate, 15 per cent short and four per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 79 per cent adequate, 18 per cent short and three per cent very short.

Crop development is well-advanced in most parts of the region. Fifteen per cent of seeded acres, 34 per cent of forages and 32 per cent of pasture acres are reported as being under

moisture stress. Most crops are in fair-to-excellent condition. The majority of crop damage this past week was caused by hail, wind and lack of moisture. There were also isolated reports of cutworm damage.

Farmers are busy controlling weeds, hauling grain and getting ready for haying.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

The region received varying amounts of rain, ranging from trace amounts to 35 mm. Some areas remain in need of good rain to improve crop development, while others have enough for what the crops need. The Hafford area received 35 mm of rainfall this week, bringing its accumulated precipitation to 119 mm of rainfall since April 1, the greatest amount for the region.

NW SK Crop Development - June 22

	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	0.0	66.3	33.7
Spring Cereals	0.0	69.8	30.2
Oilseeds	0.5	42.0	57.5
Pulse Crops	0.0	63.1	36.9

Topsoil moisture conditions have slightly improved in the past week. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 59 per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 25 per cent adequate, 52 per cent short and 23 per cent very short. Crop District 9B is reporting that 58 per cent of cropland acres and 75 per cent of hay land and pasture are short to very short topsoil moisture at this time.

Crop development is delayed due to lack of moisture, frost and re-seeding efforts. Seventy-nine per cent of seeded acres, 90 per cent of forages and 91 per cent of pasture acres are reported as being under moisture stress. The majority of crops are in poor-to-good condition. There are reports of crop damage due to dry conditions and grasshoppers. Feed shortages are a concern for livestock producers as pasture growth is minimal and some hay crops have prematurely headed out. Some producers have resorted to turning animals onto hay land as their pastures have been overgrazed already

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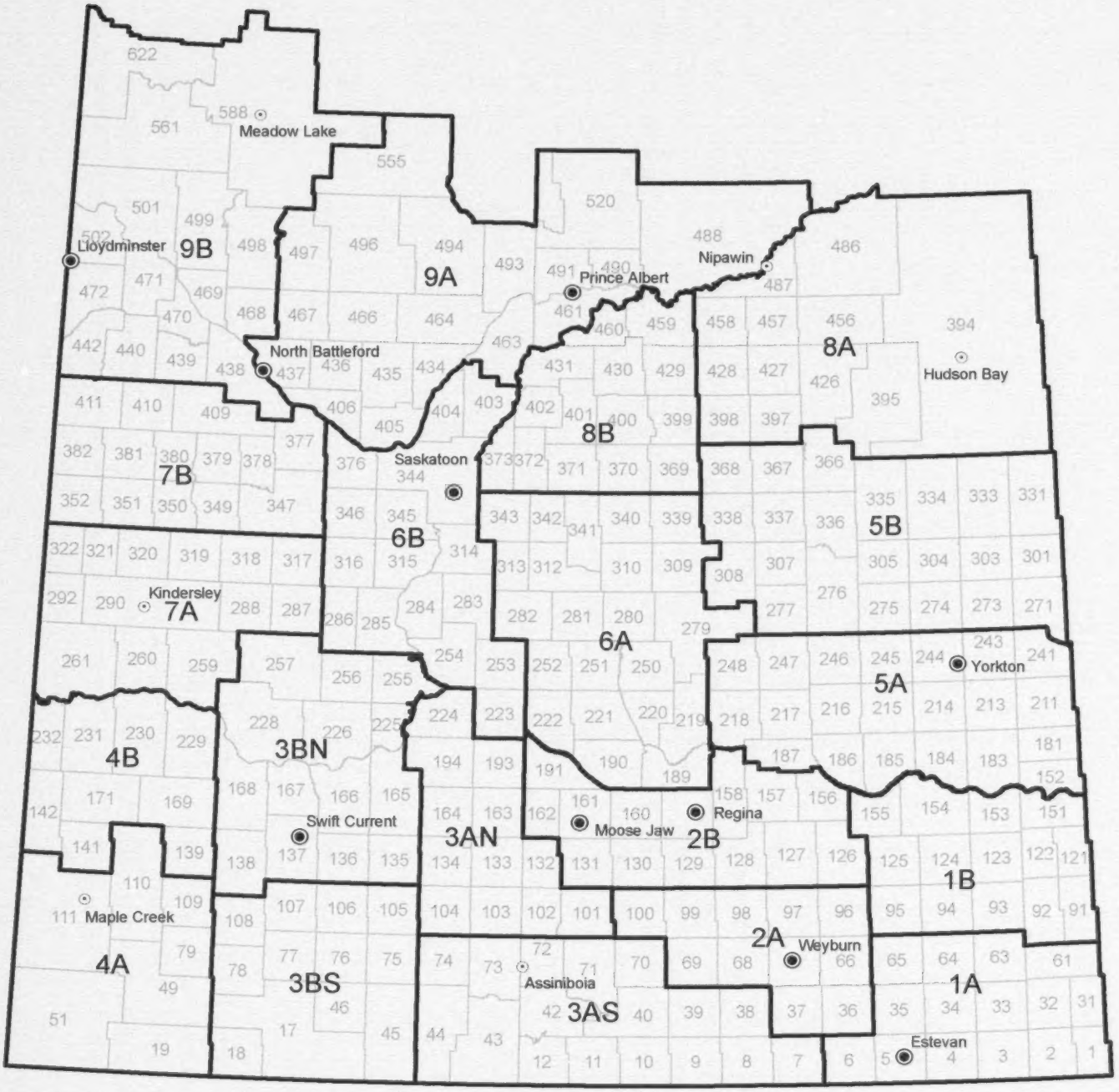
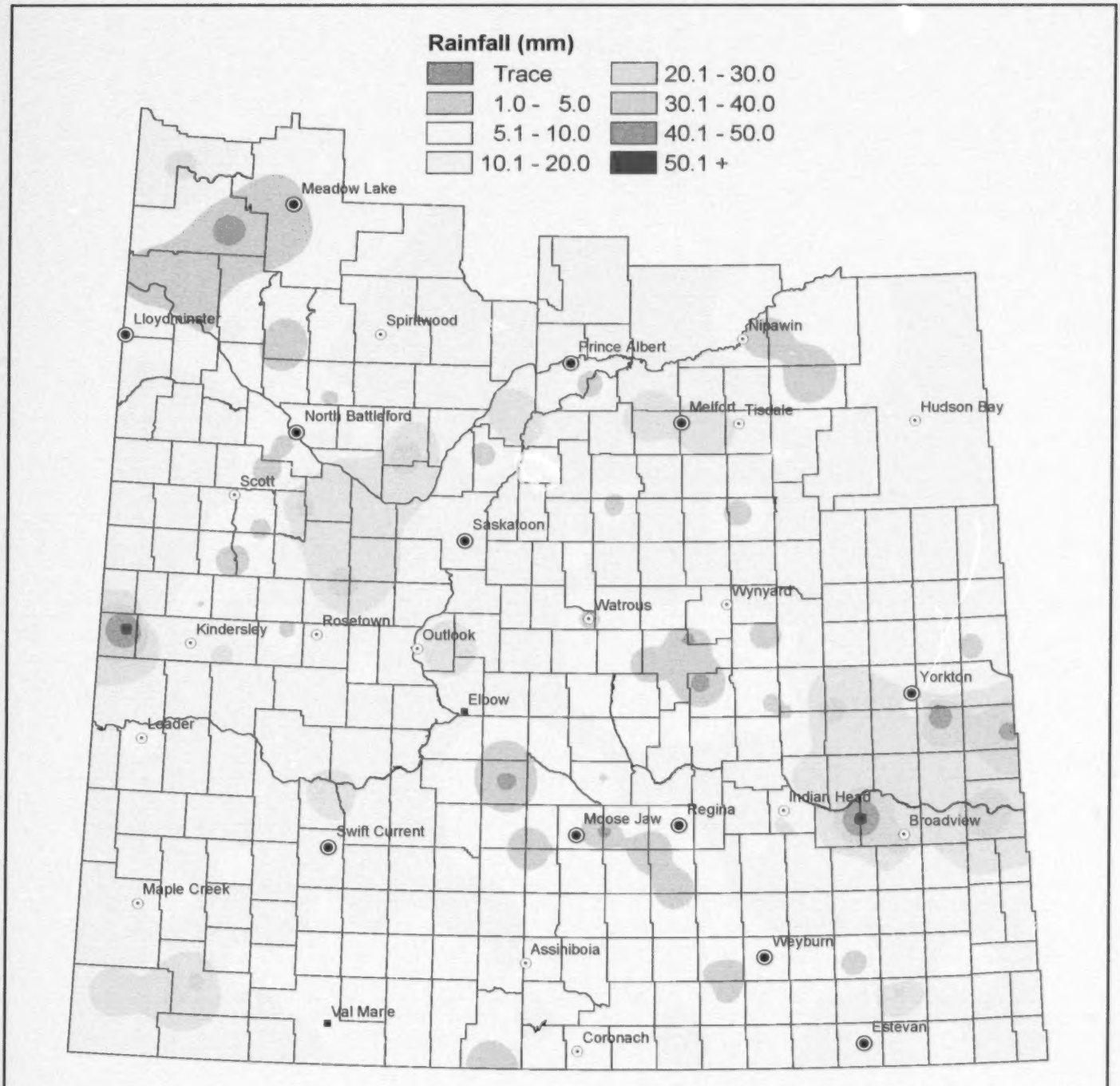
Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

from June 16 to June 22, 2015



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period June 16 to 22, 2015

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	N/A	113
	3	Enniskillen	8	140
	34	Browning	32	95
	61	Antler	N/A	97
	63	Moose Mountain	5.9	68.65
	64	Brock	9	82
	65	Tecumseh	3	83.5
1B	91	Maryfield	10	105
	122	Martin	30	145
	123	Silverwood	21	119
	124	Kingsley	7	99
	125 A	Chester	12	98
	125 B	Chester	16	110
	151 A	Rocanville	37	119
	154	Elcapo	35	92
	155 A	Wolseley	52	109
2A	67	Weyburn	6	67
	68	Brokenshell	4	58
	97	Wellington	10	66
2B	127 A	Francis	14	64.5
	127 B	Francis	7.5	25
	129	Bratt's Lake	3	20.5
	131 A	Baildon	9	31
	131 B	Baildon	7	37
	156 A	Indian Head	12.5	50.5
	156 B	Indian Head	26	131
	160 A	Pense	NIL	8
	161	Moose Jaw	1	57
	162	Caron	N/A	28
	191	Marquis	N/A	54
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	0.4	61.58
	38 B	Laurier	8	46
	39 A	The Gap	15	74
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	5	75
	12	Poplar Valley	21	112
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A
	40 B	Bengough	8	36
	42	Willow Bunch	11	79
	43	Old Post	3	59.5
	70	Key West	N/A	25.38
	73 A	Stonehenge	6.1	82.32
	73 B	Stonehenge	11	80
3AN	101	Terrell	5	28
	102	Lake Johnston	8.3	41.05
	103	Sutton	16	78
	132 A	Hillsborough	2.5	85
	132 B	Hillsborough	5	51
	134	Shamrock	N/A	31.5
	193 A	Eyebrow	NIL	77
	193 B	Eyebrow	2	97
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	17.5
	75 A	Pinto Creek	5	84
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	43
	76	Auvergne	8	72
	77	Wise Creek	8	64
	78	Grassy Creek	10	76.5
	105	Glenbain	N/A	88
	106	Whiska Creek	11	79
	107	Lac Pelletier	9	61
	108	Bone Creek	N/A	35
3BN	138 A	Webb	20	58.5
	138 B	Webb	13	41.5
	166	Excelsior	17	48
	167	Sask. Landing	27.6	66
	168 A	Riverside	12	50
	168 B	Riverside	9.6	36.68
	226	Victory	6	75
	228	Lacadena	18	41
	257	Morse	12	29

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
4A	49	White Valley	31	108.98
	51	Reno	20.8	71.56
	79	Arlington	6	80
	109 A	Carmichael	14	47
	109 B	Carmichael	N/A	40
	110	Piapot	8	29
	111	Maple Creek	6.3	31.34
4B	139	Gull Lake	8	53
	142	Enterprise	12.7	89.55
	169	Pittville	N/A	2
	231	Happyland	9	20
	183 B	Fertile Belt	27	102
5A	186	Abernethy	24	68
	211	Churchbridge	41	85
	213	Saltcoats	50	94
	216	Tullymet	N/A	34
	241	Calder	N/A	36
	243	Wallace	12	70
	244	Orkney	17	54
	245 A	Garry	N/A	23
	245 B	Garry	37	61
	245 C	Garry	27	77
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	4	44
	247	Kellross	4	43
	248	Touchwood	NIL	47.99
	271	Cote	2	50
	273	Sliding Hills	12	32
	277	Emerald	1	51
5B	305	Invermay	19	70.5
	307	Elfros	16	58
	308 A	Big Quill	10	58
	308 B	Big Quill	NIL	32.5
	331	Livingston	6	57
	336	Sasman	11	41
	337	Lakeview	13	92
	338	Lakeside	11	62
	366	Kelvington	19	92
	367	Ponass Lake	2	113.5
6A	190 A	Dufferin	19	56
	190 B	Dufferin	4	49
	190 C	Dufferin	16	30
	190 D	Dufferin	8	35
	219 A	Longlaketon	N/A	65
	219 B	Longlaketon	12	40
	220	Mckillop	9	55
	221	Sarnia	10.5	76.97
	222	Craik	N/A	102
	251	Big Arm	7.5	113.75
	252	Arm River	11	78
	279	Mount Hope	3	59
	282	McCraney	13	92
	312	Morris	4	36
	313	Lost River	13	98
	339	Leroy	19	106.97
	340	Wolverine	14	76
	341	Viscount	7	100
	343 A	Blucher	11.5	114.69
	343 B	Blucher	15	65
6B	223	Huron	1	1
	284	Rudy	28	110
	285	Fertile Valley	17.5	77
	286	Milden	8	61
	314	Dundurn	17	92.5
	344	Corman Park	N/A	29
	346	Perdue	22	46
	376	Eagle Creek	22	56
	403	Rosthern	2	57

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
7A	287	St. Andrews	14	58
	288	Pleasant Valley	3	39
	290 A	Kindersley	21.5	30
	290 B	Kindersley	17.5	26.79
	290 C	Kindersley	N/A	2
	292	Milton	52	60
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	31
	317 B	Marriott	36	78
	318	Mountain View	N/A	24
	320 A	Oakdale	4.5	37
	320 B	Oakdale	6	26
	321	Prairiedale	11	45.5
7B	347	Bigger	26	65
	350 A	Mariposa	7	21
	350 B	Mariposa	1	24
	351	Progress	20	41
	352	Heart's Hill	15	31
	377	Glenside	28	63
	378 B	Rosemount	33	67
	379	Reford	3	28
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	7.5
	382	Eye Hill	12	15
	409	Buffalo	2	26
	410	Round Valley	17.5	32.5
8A	395	Porcupine	11	41
	397	Barrier Valley	11.2	97.03
	426	Star City	28	133
	456	Arborfield	1	102
	457	Connaught	13	92.99
	486	Moose Range	N/A	87
	487	Nipawin	2	78
8B	369	St. Peter	12	86
	370 A	Humboldt	17	121
	370 B	Humboldt	1	80
	371	Bayne	13	103
	372	Grant	17.9	106.15
	400	Three Lakes	0	76
	402	Fish Creek	17	95
	429	Flett's Springs	26	117
	459	Kinistino	20	137
	460	Birch Hills	3.2	75.39
9AE	488	Torch River	10	78
	520	Paddockwood	10	61
	521	Lakeland	10	61
9AW	406	Mayfield	30	73
	435	Redberry	35	119
	436	Douglas	8	77
	463	Duck Lake	30	115.5
	467 A	Round Hill	4	53
	467 B	Round Hill	13	54
9B	438	Battle River	4	43
	440	Hillsdale	18	45
	442	Manitou Lake	10.2	46.55
	498 A	Parkdale	1	62.59
	498 B	Parkdale	N/A	49
	499 A	Mervin	12	66
	499 B	Mervin	NIL	0
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	1	78
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	3	45
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	4	55
	502	Britannia	N/A	34
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	57
	588 A	Meadow Lake	6	45
	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	NIL
	588 C	Meadow Lake	1	45
	622	Beaver River	21	69.5

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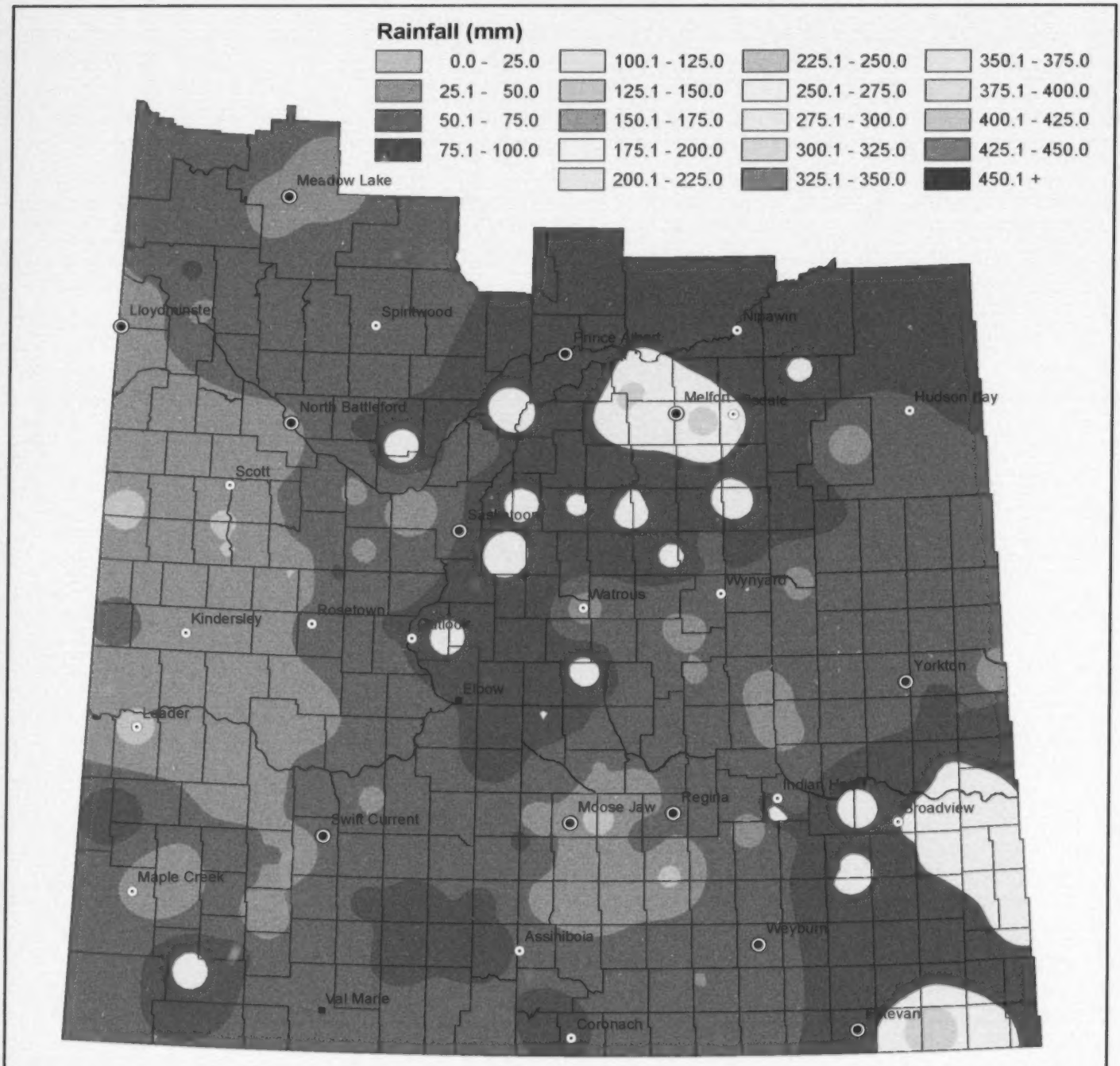

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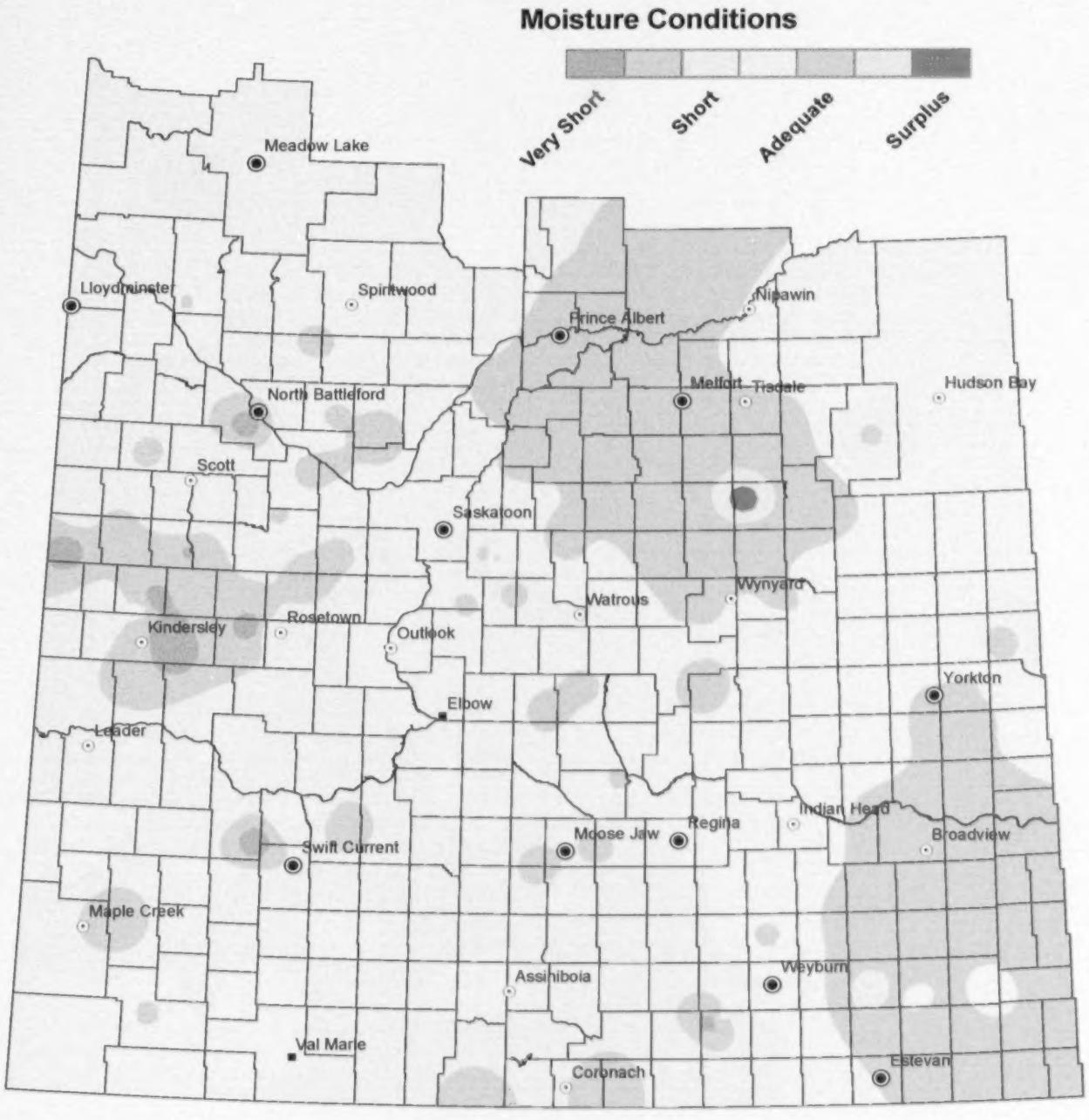

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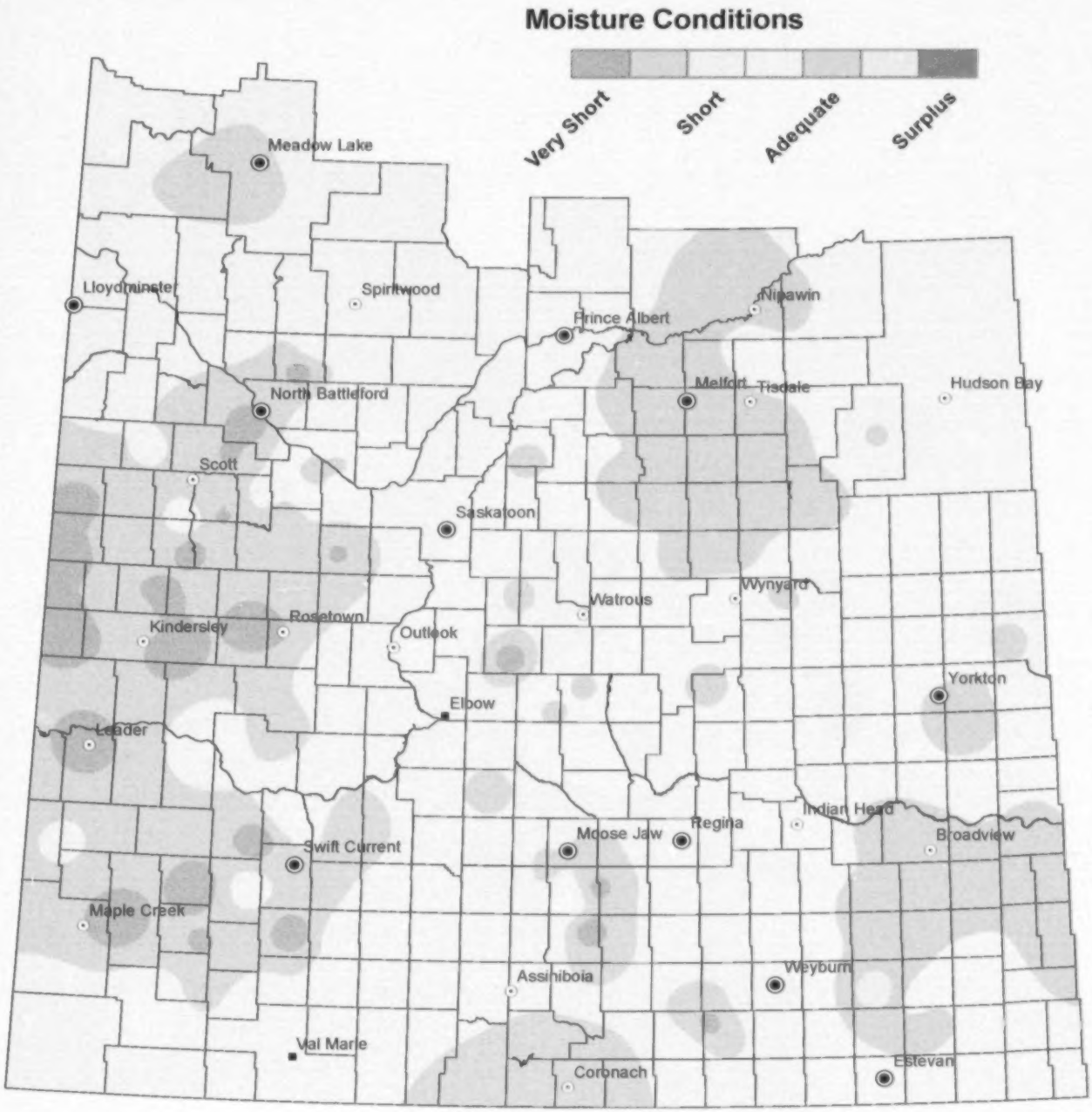

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